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Joan Helbacka's New Life Begins...

By Mary Robson, Area Extension Agent

You're all aware that Joan Helbacka has left the Master Gardener office...

Thank you, Joan, for your steady, sensible, and capable management of the difficult job you faced in becoming King County Master Gardener Coordinator. Joan instituted systems that organized detail and helped keep the year-round needs of the program humming. Her three years in King County was marked by growth for the program. Joan expanded the "Mentor" system for training, a great contribution to the commitment made by new trainees. During her time here the School and Youth programs have leapt forward, and new gardens like the one at Neely House in Kent have grown. She persisted in completing and using the database that counts all your efforts. She also survived three office moves and the devastation of the fire at the Center for Urban Horticulture in May 2001. Training, caring, and carrying forward the program, Joan's been grand to work with.

Some of the growth has been in Joan's personal strengths. When Joan came to the job, she wasn't comfortable in front of a crowd. Now she's an effective public speaker. She hadn't done any writing, and now writes newspaper columns on horticulture. It's heart-warming and soul-filling to see someone grow as much as Joan has here.

Fond Farewell

By Joan Helbacka

By the time you read this I will be in Atlanta assisting my sister with her recovery. It became apparent in early August that increased family responsibilities would make it impossible for me to continue working full time. The inestimable James Barter, who has shared work, talent, and office space as well as good humor with Mary and I, has found full time employment in his field. He will continue to work a few hours a week to assist with the transition. We have both been working hard for the past three weeks to be sure that the Program Office is ready to be turned over to the interim. Hopefully without missing too many beats!

My time as Program Coordinator has been challenging. I never thought of myself as "leading" anything. The Master Gardener program is not like a marching band. It has always struck me as more like a big beautiful shrub with offshoots growing in different directions. I felt that my best role was to facilitate, encourage and provide the information and resources that would make it possible for the Master Gardener program to grow. The greatest reward has been working with all of you and watching ideas and people flourish.

I've been a MG since 1997 and will continue to be a volunteer. Stay in touch my home number is 425-271-6810 and home email is helbacka@attbi.com

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Hiring for a New Program Coordinator

By Mary Robson

Since we can't imagine Joan being gone, and since we're probably astonished with amazement at the fact that she is, here's the sequence that will be followed in carrying on in the office.

During the first week in September, we will define the "INTERIM COORDINATOR" position, and fill it. Several people have expressed interest. The Interim position will last several months while we plan hiring. Dr. Paul Gutierrez, Chair of the Renton office, is working to assure the ability to fill the position with the best qualified candidate. We'll let you know...probably by e-mail...when the permanent position is posted. Fall's a busy time, with classes to select and training to plan, so the Interim Coordinator will be busy and the rest of us will be scrambling to move forward with hiring the next Coordinator. E-mail me if you have any questions: mary.robson@metrokc.gov

Cesar Chavez Demo Garden

By Cristina Mone

Canning, Freezing and Dehydrating Your Garden Harvest

Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00-11:00AM at El Centro de la Raza 2524 16th Ave S., Seattle.

Join us for a special presentation by Kathryn Barnes, WSU Cooperative Extension Master Food Advisor. Preserve the bounty of your garden for use throughout the year by learning the basics of home food preservation. This class will focus on canning but we'll also touch on freezing and dehydrating.

✂ Learn how to safely use boiling water and steam pressure canners.

✂ Learn the advantages to using each canning method and when best to use them.

✂ Learn about blanching one of the first steps to food preservation.

✂ WSU Cooperative Extension Bulletins will be available.

✂ Bring all your canning questions for our featured expert and your favorite recipes to share.

✂ Remember your local food bank as they welcome your extra *fresh* vegetables and fruits. But please no home preserved foods.

Questions? Contact Cristina Mone, Garden Manager 206-461-4264 or mcmone@hotmail.com

Rain or shine we'll be there.

Bellevue Urban Demonstration Garden News

You are invited to the Harvest Festival Sat., Sept. 28, 10:00AM-1:00PM. This is a wonderful event. Visitors sample the produce from the garden prepared in many different ways and go home with recipes. They will be able to taste

several different varieties of tomatoes and vote for their favorite helping them to decide which variety they want to grow next year. A grill will be set up so they can sample different vegetables grilled. Jams, jellies, breads and a cake decorated with edible flowers are all made from produce grown at the garden.

From the Homestead

By Sharon Peden

A reminder that Mary Robson will be presenting "Color in the Cold – Fall and Winter Container Plantings" September 28 from 10:00AM-Noon at the Neely Homestead. A wonderful way to round out the year as we get ready to put our gardens to bed. I know she will have great ideas and maybe for once her suggestions will help my place not look so bleak over the winter months.

Mole Trap Up Date

By Bob Mottram

The Tacoma News Tribune, July 24, 2002

The Washington Attorney General's Office says that, no, homeowners may not use common body-piercing mole traps to rid their lawns of moles.

That issue has been a contentious one, with animal-rightists saying the initiative measure they sponsored and won passage for in November 2000 to outlaw most trapping did not apply to moles. The Department of Fish and Wildlife contended that it did, in effect lumping moles with coyotes, foxes, beavers and so forth.

Now, Senior Assistant Atty. Gen. James Pharris has written an opinion in response to a request by state Rep. Hans Dunshee (D-Snohomish).

Pharris wrote that Initiative 713 outlawed use of body-gripping traps for recreation or commerce but, if the purpose of trapping was other than that, specific types of body-gripping traps might be used under special permit.

"However, body-piercing mole traps are not among the types of traps permitted under this subsection," Pharris wrote. "We therefore conclude that Initiative Measure 713 ... prohibits the use of (mole) traps."

If you would like to read the complete Senior Assistant Attorney's interpretation, see http://www.wa.gov/ago/opinions/opinion_2002_3.html

Children's Corner

NEW Youth Program Slideshow & Training

By Emily Bishton

Have you ever been asked how to get a youth garden or other outdoor education program started? It seems to me there's never a short answer that really covers it, and increasing interest as more people working with youth see the value of outdoor learning. With so many types of gardening, ways to study nature, and goals that can be achieved, it can be hard to give a quick overview of ideas off the top of your head. Yet as MGs we want to inform and encourage as much as possible.

To help answer some of the requests that have come in over the past few years, I've been doing workshops for child care providers, teacher and parent groups, garden clubs, etc. The workshop begins with a slideshow depicting many different ideas for outdoor learning: field trip and classroom activities, gardening within the seasons of the school year, kid-friendly and wildlife-friendly features, utilizing the existing landscaping, interesting plants, etc. I also bring along a "kit box", filled with examples of projects to make with children, helpful supplies and tools to have, and WSU/CE factsheets to distribute to attendees. The workshop ends with time for Q & A.

Its main goals are:

- ✂to inspire adults to include gardening and nature study in their activities with children
- ✂to give fun ways to achieve success with these activities
- ✂to share info on incorporating vocabulary, reading, math, science, and life skills
- ✂to educate on basic design, plants, and organic gardening

Feedback from previous attendees has been very positive, and I would really like to share this workshop with other MGs interested in giving it as part of their own MG volunteering. To that end, this spring I wrote a School & Youth Grant request to fund additional slides and other materials, and to purchase a slide projector for the MG Foundation. Since then, I've been taking more slides, gathering materials, and writing an updated script. I believe that if additional MGs are available to give the workshop, it will be a more sustainable part of our organization's public education.

If you are on the Speakers or Green Gardening List, and/or interested in talking to others about youth education, this could be your cup of tea! The workshop is designed to be around 90 minutes, including time for the individual MG presenter to share their own experiences and advice with attendees. (and some of your own slides too if you want) The supplies and projector will be checked out only to MGs who've attended a training to view the slideshow, receive a script,

and browse the other materials. The first training will be held at my home on Monday Sept. 30, 7:00PM, and attendees will receive CE credits. Please register in advance by contacting me at 206-523-1774 or vonbemil@aol.com, so there will be a script and a chair for you. Thanks!

S&Y LIBRARY NEWS

[Ed. Note: The Renton office support staff do not have keys to the S&Y storage cabinets. They cannot check out or check in teaching kits or library books.]

To check out and return Teaching Kits and Curriculum Library books from the Renton S&Y Library, you will need to make an appointment with Pat Surr at 253-854-6289 or tsurr@aol.com. For Seattle S&Y Library checkout and return, contact Emily Bishton at 206-523-1774 or vonbemil@aol.com

A Teaching Kit workparty will be held on Friday Sept. 6, 10:00AM-1:00PM at the Renton office. We could use your help to put the final touches on the Plants Kits and the Seeds & Flowers Kits. For more info, contact Emily Bishton at 206-523-1774 or vonbemil@aol.com.

A Teaching Kit Training on the Worms Kit and the Soil & Compost Kit will be held on Thursday Sept. 19, 7:00-9:00PM at the Renton office. Attendees will learn tips on easy and fun ways to use the kit notebooks, curriculums, and other supplies, along with hands-on participation in kit activities. MGs interested in using these kits at schools, gardens, community centers, etc. are encouraged to attend. Counts as CE credits. Please register in advance by contacting Pat Surr.

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Extension Community Horticulture

program is to provide access to research based information and encourage its application by individuals, communities & horticulture professionals with the purpose of promoting human well being, protecting and enhancing our environment, & encouraging community stewardship.

How the Pieces Fit

By Nan Haigwood and Joan Helbacka

The relationship between Washington State University Cooperative Extension (WSU/CE), King County, the Master Gardener Foundation of King County (MGF of KC), the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State (MGFWS), and the Master Gardener Volunteers (MGs) is complex, and mostly misunderstood. Except for the Master Gardener Foundations, all have commitments and obligations other than the Master Gardener Program. WSU/CE and King County have both had to deal with major budget cuts, which has forced them to make difficult funding decisions.

However, the goal of the Community Horticulture Program has not changed. The mission is to provide access to research based information and encourage its application by individuals, communities, and horticulture professionals with the purpose of promoting human well being, protecting and enhancing our environment, and encouraging community stewardship.

We also have relationships with members of the greater horticultural community of King County. These include the UW Center for Urban Horticulture, Parks Departments of both King County and municipalities like Kent and Bellevue, City of Seattle, Seattle Public Utilities, the Green Gardening Program, schools, Friends of Bradner Gardens Park and other community groups. Some of those relationships result in the authorized use of property for demonstration gardens like Urban Demonstration Garden in Bellevue or the Neely Homestead Garden in Kent. Some partners provide funding for specific projects, but each is a separate legal entity.

The WSU Cooperative Extension Office initiated all the Master Gardener programs. Plant Problem Clinics, Diagnosis, School and Youth, Demonstration Gardens have all been a part of the WSU/CE King County outreach to the community since the late 1970s. The Master Gardener Foundation of King County was incorporated as a 501C-3 non-profit in 1984 for the purpose of accepting donations in the name of the Master Gardener Program and raising funds for Master Gardener projects in King County. The MGF of KC membership is all active Master Gardeners in King County. An elected board of Master Gardeners meets monthly to attend to foundation business. MGs are encouraged to attend board meetings. Neither King County nor WSU/CE is able to

provide funding for MG projects like Plant Problem Clinics, Diagnosis, School and Youth or Demonstration Gardens. The foundation also participates in program planning and management in conjunction with WSU/CE staff. Elaine Anderson is the current board president.

The purpose of the Master Gardener Foundation of Washington State (MGFWS) is to enhance Master Gardener Programs throughout the state. It facilitates communication between counties and hosts a yearly training conference. The current MGFWS President is King County MG Ed LaCrosse.

Dr. Paul Gutierrez is the Faculty Chair and over all head of the WSU/CE Office of King County. Mary Robson is the Area Extension Agent, Horticulture for King and Pierce Counties. She works with horticulture professionals, farmers, orchard owners as well as the home gardeners Master Gardener volunteers work with. Rod Tinnemore is the Master Gardener Volunteer Program State Coordinator. His office is in Puyallup.

Most counties do not have a paid Master Gardener Program Coordinator. In King County the Program Coordinator is the interface that helps hold the program together, facilitates communications and gives it the cohesive structure needed to make all the pieces fit.

WSU Cooperative Extension has county extension offices throughout the state. They run a variety of programs that vary from county to county. King County Programs include Community Horticulture of which the Master Gardener program is a part. The 4-H Program, which is not just for rural or suburban residents, many activities are relevant to urban youth. In some counties the same Extension Agent is responsible for both the 4-H, and Community Horticulture; program. Other Cooperative Extension Programs include: Agriculture/Natural Resource Programs (Land Stewards, Water Stewards, Livestock Advisors, Forestry); Family and Nutrition Education, Food Sense Program; WSU Minority Specialist; and Master Recycler/Composter Program for King County.

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Update from Rod Tinnemore

*Rod Tinnemore, Master Gardener Volunteer Program State Coordinator
Contact Rod at 253-445-4614 or rodt@wsu.edu*

MG planning sessions and retreats since 1989 have called for action in the areas of marketing/public relations, resource sharing, organizational improvements, fund raising and curriculum enhancement. These were the priority topics presented by the selection committee for the state MG coordinator position. In response to those priorities, here is an update on my activities since late spring to address these areas:

1) A key to many of these topics is a central MG web site. Progress is on schedule for the new site at <http://mastergardener.wsu.edu>. Commonly requested information will be housed there, some for general use and some in a password protected area for MG coordinators and other staff (paid or volunteer). The site will provide easy access to MG "happenings" plus links to county MG programs.

2) Plans are on schedule for a MG Founders Celebration to be held 7/20/03 in Fife. Jim Wilson, former host of Victory Garden, has accepted our invitation to be the featured speaker at the evening banquet. Additional details will be available on the new web site.

3) Both internal and external public relations are being addressed. The MG program will be featured in Connections and Focus this fall. The Connections publication goes to 18,000 alumni and will feature a business reply enveloped designed to promote the Master Gardener Fund as a giving option. A poster to promote the 30th anniversary of the program is being prepared based on an original watercolor by a Washington artist. The painting and poster will be unveiled in

January.

4) Work has begun to define both the core competencies needed by MG volunteers and advanced training options.

5) Written agreements are in process between WSU-CE and key MG organizations. These agreements will serve as templates for statewide use when completed and bring the program into compliance with state ethics laws.

These are big picture items so important to our future. Thank you for your continued support, patience and hard work to put the program on a stronger organizational and financial footing.

Manure Share Program

*By Joshua Monaghan, Lead Farm Planner,
King Conservation District*

Late summer is a great time to apply compost to gardens. Free Manure Compost Available through the "Manure Share Program"

The King Conservation District's Manure Share Program connects folks who need compost and mulch with livestock owners who have more manure than they can use on their own pastures and gardens.

Call the King Conservation District at (206) 764-3410 ext 130, or e-mail to joshua.monaghan@kingcd.org for our most recent list of manure sources. The list includes contact information and details about the compost. Once you have the list, select a farm nearby with the type of material you want and then make a call to set up a pick-up.

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WSU Cooperative Extension provides the Master Gardener Program with:

- ⌘ Faculty and staff for training future MGs
- ⌘ 75% of Program Coordinators and Horticulture Agents Salary, the remaining portion is paid by King County
- ⌘ Postage is paid for mailings within franking guidelines, including newsletters, and other information.
- ⌘ Gardening in Western Washington web site: <http://Gardening.wsu.edu> web site
- ⌘ HortSense: <http://pep.wsu.edu/hortsense/>
- ⌘ WSU/CE Research Staff and Faculty are available to consult with MGs when our own diagnostic and informational resources have been exhausted.

King County, Department of Natural Resources, Solid Waste Division, provides for Master Gardener Program with:

- ⌘ Office Space
- ⌘ Telephone system
- ⌘ Computer, software and network server connections.
- ⌘ <http://www.metrokc.gov/ws-u-ce> web site and access to a web page designer.
- ⌘ Copier
- ⌘ Paper, most office supplies
- ⌘ Some mailing, limited funding shared with the other cooperative extension programs. The Master Gardeners have been using the lions share.
- ⌘ Mileage compensation for Extension Agent and Volunteer Coordinator.
- ⌘ Office support, office manager Jan Roark has always been helpful, and done her best to see to it that Master Gardeners get as much clerical support as possible.

West Nile Virus Update

Prepared by Dr. Kathy Connell, Assistant State Veterinarian, July 30, 2002

Ed. Note: Although the West Nile Virus does not necessarily fall into our mission of educating home gardeners, it has been getting a lot of press and you may get questions about home mosquito control.

Wild birds

[The King County Department of Health is conducting surveillance of dead birds and would like citizens to report dead crows, jays, ravens, magpies or raptors, contact them at 206-205-4394. The reports will be evaluated to determine if the birds should be tested. West Nile Virus (WNV) testing of birds is conducted at the National Wildlife Health Center Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin. Not all birds will be picked up and/or tested, but the data is important.]

Background

WNV is transmitted by a number of different mosquito species. There are several species in Washington that are potential or proven WNV vectors. There is no documented evidence of person-to-person, animal-to-person or animal-to-animal transmission of WNV.

First isolated in 1937 in the West Nile District of Uganda, the disease now has widespread distribution, including Africa, Europe, the Middle East and West and Central Asia. It is still unclear how or when an infected person, bird or mosquito entered the country, initiating the bird-mosquito WNV disease cycle in the US.

Since its detection in New York in 1999, more than 150 people have been infected with WNV and 18 have died nationwide, according to the CDC. The virus has spread south and west over the past three years. Cases have been confirmed in over 30 states and DC.

Additional information is available at USDA's Web site,

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/wnv> or at CDC's Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov>

Mosquitoes 101

By Joan Helbacka

The Puget Sound area is comparatively bug free, but most of us have experienced the occasional mosquito bite. In other parts of the county mosquitoes are more numerous and can carry serious diseases or parasites that affect humans, and animals. These include malaria, dengue fever and several forms of encephalitis as well as the

West Nile Virus. My mid-western and southern relatives have to be sure their dogs are protected from heart worm. These worms live in the heart of the host can reach a length of 14" restricting blood to the organs can lead to death. It can also affect cats. After the female mosquito obtains a blood meal (males do not bite), she lays her eggs directly on the surface of stagnant water. The presence of beneficial predators such as fish and dragonfly nymphs in permanent ponds, lakes and streams usually keep these bodies of water relatively free of mosquito larvae. My Grandfather kept gold fish in his stock watering tanks to eat mosquito larvae. Marshes, swamps, clogged ditches and temporary pools and puddles are mosquito breeding sites. Other sites include tree holes and containers such as old tires, buckets, toys, potted plant trays and saucers, clogged rain gutters, and plastic covers or tarpaulins.

How to Help Fight Mosquitoes

✂ Empty standing water in old tires, cemetery urns, buckets, plastic covers, toys, or any other container where stagnant water collects.

✂ Store wheelbarrows so water doesn't accumulate.

✂ Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week if not more often.

✂ Drain or fill temporary pools with dirt.

✂ Keep swimming pools treated and circulating.

✂ Keep rain gutters unclogged.

✂ Use mosquito repellents when necessary and follow label directions and precautions closely. EPA's How to Use Insect Repellents Safely web page <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/citizens/insectrp.htm> or call the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs, Communication Services Branch, at (703) 305-5017.

z Use head nets, long sleeves and long pants if you venture into areas with high mosquito populations, such as salt marshes.

z If there is a mosquito-borne disease warning in effect, stay inside during the evening when mosquitoes are most active.

z Make sure window and door screens are "bug tight." If you don't have screens consider adding them.

z Replace your outdoor lights with yellow "bug" lights.

Websites to check on invasive plants

<http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/progserv/plants/weeds/weeds/weedlist.htm>

<http://www.invasivespecies.gov/>

<http://invader.dbs.umt.edu/>

<http://www.wnps.org/eppclet.html>

Under the Microscope

Beekeeping in the Pacific Northwest

By King CountyMG Diagnosticians

Honeybees whose Latin name means “honey maker” are some of the most beneficial insects in the world. They have provided the sweetness of honey for thousands of years. Without bees, we would be eating rice, wheat and corn instead of a variety of fruits and vegetables. Many commercial crops depend upon bee pollination.

In each colony there is one queen, the workers which are all females and the male drones. There can be 40,000 or more workers in a good sized colony. The queen can lay up to 2000 eggs per day. This will keep a good portion of the workers busy incubating them. It takes 21 days for the bees to emerge from their cells and become part of the working colony. They begin by helping feed the larvae and keeping the hive clean. During the heavy nectar flow seasons, the workers only live three to four weeks, their wings wear out. In the wintertime they can live three to four months. The drones whose only purpose is to mate once with a new queen during her maiden flight and are fed by the workers, are forcibly exited from the hive in the late fall.

A plentiful supply of nectar producing plants are required to feed the colony which can consume 400 pounds of honey annually. A bountifully blooming flower garden will probably not suffice to provide enough nectar. To gather nectar sufficient for one pound of honey, the workers must collect from millions of flowers. Ideally a succession of bloom within two miles of the colony from spring to fall is needed. In western Washington plants such as clover, fireweed, blackberries, dandelions, maple and fruit trees are good sources. Many beekeepers transport their hives to the raspberry, blueberry and cranberry fields for pollination as well as the honey. Commercial beekeepers will also transport their hives to farms for crop pollination.

Feeding supplemental food may be indicated when hive supplies are low in the spring and when new colonies are started with minimal food storage. Sugar may be fed raw or made into a heavy syrup.

It is also important to have a good supply of pollen for newly emerged adult bees. A continuous supply of water is essential.

If you are lucky enough to have bees visiting your garden, without a doubt there is a beekeeper nearby. Feral bees are a thing of the past because

of diseases and mites. The main threat to bees are the varroa and tracheal mites. These are treated on a preventative measure before and after the honey flows. Work is being done to develop strains of bees which will have resistance to the mites. European and American foulbrood are also treated in the spring and fall. It is also important to treat for Nosema disease. Wax moths can present problems tunneling into the combs and laying their eggs but a strong hive can keep them under control. Stored hive boxes must be treated with a moth repellent similar to the material in moth balls. Mice also like the hives for both a warm place to live and the honey so most beekeepers will put mouse guards at the entrance to their hives in the winter.

Careless and unnecessary use of insecticides can kill off entire colonies.

Beekeeping is a very rewarding hobby. The Puget Sound Beekeepers offer classes and lots of help to anyone pursuing this interesting hobby. Puget Sound Beekeepers phone 206 937 5583

Who removes hornets?

By Mary Robson

August and September bring maximum awareness of hornet's nests. If you wish to have one removed, call Doug Cheney at (425) 485-0103. He collects the insects for a company that extracts their venom. He will talk to you about the location and type of nest, and what to do about it. If the nest is football-sized or larger, he will remove it, as well as ground nests in rockeries or other locations. Hanging nests can contain either yellow and black yellow jackets or bald-faced hornets, which are black with white stripes. Both types are beneficial predators, eating insects in the landscape. Washington State University doesn't recommend removal unless the nest is so close to a house or outbuilding that it threatens humans or animals.

Lettuce Link Week of Giving

By Lee Harper

Access to good, healthy food is a basic human right. Fremont Public Association's Lettuce Link program works to create access to fresh organic produce for low-income families in the Seattle area. Week of Giving (formerly called Day of Giving) is a weeklong event created to get fresh produce into the hands of low-income folks. WOG is also an opportunity to raise awareness among community and backyard gardeners about the need for fresh produce at local food banks and hot meals programs. In 2002, over forty community gardens and farms participated, as well as many backyard gardeners. 4,600 pounds of produce was donated and distributed to fifteen agencies.

We have expanded the event to a Week of Giving, September 9-14 to give you more opportunities to donate. We are excited to be working in collaboration with Seattle Tilth this year, we will have a table at the Harvest Fair, where we are asking folks to buy a little extra to donate. The Bellevue Demo Garden will be open to accept your donations on Wednesday September 11 from 9:00AM-Noon. In fact, they harvest and donate food from the garden EVERY Wednesday morning!

We encourage everyone to donate throughout the year, not just during WOG. Food banks are always trying to get fresh produce. It is the highest-quality product a food bank or meals program can offer. Grow vegetables and think about the food bank when your produce is ripe and ready. Gardeners always grow more than we need," says one gardener. "Gardeners like to share. This is a way to share with people in need."

Week of Giving Donation Drop off Details

Monday September 9, 4:00-7:00PM

Bradner Gardens P-Patch, 29th Ave. S. & S. Grand St., Mt. Baker (Seattle)

Tues., Sept. 10, 4:00-7:00PM

Interbay P-Patch 15th Ave. W. & W. Wheeler St., (Seattle)

Thurs., Sept. 12, 4:00-7:00PM

Picardo Farm P-Patch NE 82nd St. & 26th Ave. NE, Wedgwood (Seattle)

Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00AM-4:00PM

Seattle Tilth Harvest Fair at the Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave N. (Seattle)

Note: Bring your extras to the Week of Giving Booth, or buy extras from the farmers to donate.

Sat., Sept. 14, 9:00AM-Noon

Bellevue Demo Garden, 156th Ave. SE & SE 16th St. (Bellevue)

For more info, contact Lee Harper, (206) 694-6754 or leeh@fremontpublic.org

Volunteer Opportunity

The Fremont Public Association's Partners in Caring program is looking for a group of 8-10 volunteers to help some low-income seniors and adults with disabilities build a raised garden bed. These folks (residents of a building located in West Seattle) want to grow their own vegetables and have been actively involved in planning this project, but they need YOUR muscle power to get the job done! You will need to help level the area, set up bricks, and pour dirt.

This is likely to be an all day project and any shovels or other tools you can bring will help. Lunch will be provided. We are hoping to do this on a Saturday in early or mid-September. So, if you and/or a group of friends or colleagues might be interested, please call Melissa Dablow at (206) 634-3605 ext. 3184 for more information. You can also e-mail her at melissad@fremontpublic.org

MGF of KC Representative to MGF of Washington State

By Nan Haigwood

Job Description

Term of office: Minimum of TWO years

Purpose

Represent the Master Gardener Foundation of King County on the Master Gardener Foundation Washington State board and serve as liaison between State and County

Responsibilities

Attend quarterly meetings and report on their county's activities

Attend and support yearly Advanced Training Conference

Give of time and resources and follow through on assignments and responsibilities.

Be a voting member of the State Board.

Report in writing what happens at the State level back to their county extension agent and local organization.

Have a global attitude, willing to view things from the perspective of the State as a whole.

Be willing to collect information for the State Foundation.

Be willing to participate and possibly become a member of the Executive Committee

Qualification

Must be a Master Gardener in good standing.

September Calendar

Compiled By Joan Helbacka

Bulbs for Spring

Sat., Sept., 7, 10:30AM-Noon Bellevue Demonstration Garden SE 16th St., between 148th& 156th Ave. SE Steve Walker 425-644-9601 CE

Neely Homestead Work Party

Sat., Sept. 7, 9:00AM-1:00PM PC 5311 S 237th Pl., Kent Kate Bean 206-244-9356 PC

Lettuce Link Week of Giving

Mon. Sept. 9-Sat., Sept. 14. See Page 8 for details.

Work Party at Cesar Chavez

Thurs., Sept. 12, 6:30-8:00PM El Centro de La Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S, Seattle Cristina Mone 206-767-4052 PC

MGF of KC Board Meeting

Thurs., Sept. 12, 6:00PM Garden tour 5:00PM Meeting 6:00PM PS Neely Homestead 5311 S 237th Pl., Kent Elaine Anderson 206-932-0747 beaude1@aol.com PS

Bradner Gardens Park Gardening Party

Sat., Sept. 14, 9:00AM-Noon 29th Ave. S and S Grand St., Seattle Cheryl Petterson 206-725-5016 PC

Herbs

Sat., Sept., 14, 10:30AM-Noon Bellevue Demonstration Garden SE 16th St., between 148th& 156th Ave. SE Steve Walker 425-644-9601 CE

WSFRF Harvest Day

Sat., Sept. 14, 11:00AM-2:00PM Pears, Asian pears, early/mid-season apples WSU Mt. Vernon Research Station Admission fee for non-members 253-584-5216 CE

Harvesting, preparing and preserving

Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00-11:30AM Cesar Chavez Demo Garden At El Centro de La Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S, Seattle Cristina Mone 206-767-4052 mcmone@hotmail.com CE

South King County Arboretum Plant Sale

Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00AM-4:00PM Native plants, plus trees, shrubs, rhodies, azaleas, perennials and houseplants. 22520 S. E. 248th Street, Maple Valley 206-366-2125 or website: www.skcaf.org

Ground Covers

Sat., Sept., 21, 10:30AM-Noon Bellevue Demonstration Garden SE 16th St., between 148th& 156th Ave. SE Steve Walker 425-644-9601 CE

Neely Homestead Work Party

Sat., Sept. 21, 9:00AM-1:00PM 5311 S 237th Pl., Kent Kate Bean 206-244-9356 PC

Work Party at Cesar Chavez

Sat., Sept., 21, 9:30AM-Noon El Centro de La Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S, Seattle Cristina Mone 206-767-4052 mcmone@hotmail.com PC

Bradner Gardens Park Gardening Party

Sun., Sept. 22, 1:00-4:00PM 29th Ave. S and S Grand St., Seattle Cheryl Petterson 206-725-5016 PC

School and Youth Committee Meeting

Mon., Sept. 23, Starts 7:00PM At the home of Lee Harper (206) 694-6754 or leeh@fremontpublic.org All members & interested MGs encouraged to attend. PS

Color in the Cold-Fall and Winter Containers

Sat., Sept., 28, 10:00AM-Noon Neely Homestead 5311 S 237th Pl., Kent Ed LaCrosse 206-878-1573 CE

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Sat., Sept. 14, 10:00AM-4:00Pm at 22520 S. E. 248th Street, Maple Valley. Extensive collection of native plants, as well as other types of trees, shrubs, rhodies, azaleas, fall blooming perennials and house plants. Just in time for fall planting! Add some fall colors to your landscape, and give your plants time to establish good root systems for winter. For additional information, please call 206-366-2125 or visit our website: www.skcaf.org

October, November Calendar

Compiled By Joan Helbacka

2002 MGFWS Advanced Training

Conference "Days of Wine and Roses"

Fri. Oct. 4-Sat. Oct 6 Red Lion Hotel, WSU Tri-Cities Richland, WA Benton-Franklin MG Foundation 509-735-9557 CE

Dividing Perennials

Sat., Oct., 5, 10:30AM-Noon Bellevue Demonstration Garden SE 16th St., between 148th& 156th Ave. SE Steve Walker 425-644-9601 CE

Neely Homestead Work Party

Sat., Oct. 5, 9:00AM-1:00PM 5311 S 237th Pl., Kent Kate Bean 206-244-9356 PC

Harvest Celebration Farm Tour

Sat., Oct. 5 Various King County Farms Contact Mara Dyczewski to participate. 206-205-3105 or Mara.Dyczewski@metrokc PC

Work Party at Cesar Chavez

Thurs., Oct. 10, 6:30-8:00PM El Centro de La Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S, Seattle Cristina Mone 206-767-4052 mcmone@hotmail.com PC

MGF of KC Board Meeting

Thurs., Oct. 10, 6:00PM at Cesar Chavez Demo Garden. Tour 5:00PM. Meeting 6:00PM El Centro de La Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S, Seattle Elaine Anderson 206-932-0747 beaude1@aol.com PS

Alliums: Garlic, Leeks, Onions, et al

Sat., Oct., 12, 10:30AM-Noon Bellevue Demonstration Garden SE 16th St., between 148th& 156th Ave. SE Steve Walker 425-644-9601 CE

Bradner Gardens Park Gardening Party

Sat., Oct. 12, 9:00AM-Noon 29th Ave. S and S Grand St., Seattle Cheryl Petterson 206-725-5016 PC

Work Party at Cesar Chavez

Sat., Oct. 12, 9:30AM-Noon Feeding Your Garden Soil El Centro de La Raza, 2524 16th Ave. S, Seattle. Contact Cristina Mone 206-767-4052 mcmone@hotmail.com PS

Rehab pruning for mal-pruned plants

Sun., Oct. 13, 10:30AM-Noon PlantAnmesty 7400 Sand Point Way NE, bldg. 30, upstairs meeting room. Free for MGs, class size limited, so pre-register Message 206-783-9813 <http://info@plantamnesty.org/classes.htm> CE

Neely Homestead Work Party

Sat., Oct. 19, 9:00AM-1:00PM 5311 S 237th Pl., Kent Kate Bean 206-244-9356 PS

Digging, Storing, Planting Dahlias

Sat., Oct., 19, 10:30AM-Noon Bellevue Demonstration Garden SE 16th St., between 148th& 156th Ave. SE Steve Walker 425-644-9601 CE

WSFRF Open House and Field Day

Sat., Oct. 19, 8:30AM-3:00PM WSU Mt. Vernon Research Station Admission fee for non-members 253-584-5216 CE

Demo Garden Winter Clean-up

Sat., Oct., 26, 9:00AM-1:00PM Bellevue Demonstration Garden SE 16th St., between 148th& 156th Ave. SE Steve Walker 425-644-9601 PC

Bradner Gardens Park Gardening Party

Sun., Oct. 27, 1:00-4:00PM 29th Ave. S and S Grand St., Seattle Cheryl Petterson 206-725-5016 PC

Bradner Gardens Park Gardening Party

Sat., Nov. 9, 9:00AM-Noon 29th Ave. S and S Grand St., Seattle Cheryl Petterson 206-725-5016

MGF of KC Board Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 14, 6:00PM TBD Elaine Anderson 206-932-0747 beaude1@aol.com PS

Bradner Gardens Park Gardening Party

Sun., Nov. 24, 1:00-4:00PM 29th Ave. S and S Grand St., Seattle Cheryl Petterson 206-725-5016 PC

How to report an infestation of noxious weeds

At this time of the year the noxious weed control season is drawing to an end and the window for dealing with new infestations is rather small. Chances are that new sites reported this late will be addressed next year. Call 206-296-0290 or email noxious.weeds@metrokc.gov with the following information:

- ⌘ Name and contact information of person reporting the infestation so we can verify or ask site specific questions
- ⌘ type of weed or weeds suspected
- ⌘ specific location , cross streets, town/area, significant land marks
- ⌘ approximate size of the infestation, or how many plants present

Applications for the Class of 2003 are now available

Know someone who you think would be an asset to the Master Gardener Program. Have prospective Master Gardeners send a SASE business size envelope to:

WSU Cooperative Extension
Master Gardener Program Office
919 SW Grady Way, Suite 120
Renton, WA, 98055

Applications are also available at the office from 8:30AM-4:30PM and on line.

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